

1 WHAT IS CLAIMED:

- 1. A MRI gradient coil set, said coil set comprising:
- 4 a uniplanar Z-gradient coil;
 - a biplanar X-gradient coil; and
- a biplanar Y-gradient coil, said coil set providing an open Z-axis face.

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2. A coil set according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said coils is a shielded coil.

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3. A coil set according to claim 1, wherein said biplanar coils include shoulder reliefs.

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4. A coil set according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said coils is a phased array coil.

5. A coil set according to claim 1, further comprising a radio frequency coil integrated therewith.

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 6. A coil set according to claim 1, wherein said coils are conjoined.